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前 言

写作能力是交际能力的一个重要的方面,写作测试是检验学生 书面交际能力的重要途径之一。近年来,各种英语考试逐渐加大了 英语写作的比重。因此,提高大学生的英语写作水平至关重要。

本书是根据国家教育部颁布的《大学英语教学大纲》、《大学英语四、六级考试大纲》的要求而编写的。

本书主要介绍了大学英语常见文体的写作理论、方法和技巧及 其具体应用。从大学生的写作水平实际出发,取材贴近在校大学生 的生活、学习和思想状况,按照全国四、六级英语作文考试的要求而 选材,以提高大学生的英语写作水平。

全书分 CET 作文概况、记叙文、描写文、说明文、议论文、看图表作文和书信七部分。在 CET 作文概况中,具体介绍了 CET 作文的命题要求,还简单地介绍了 CET 作文的类型,并且对总体评分办法和分项评分办法做了比较。并结合具体的范文对各种文体进行了详细地阐述和讲解,每种类型的文体后还精选了多篇范文,总共设计了200余篇各类题型的标准的作文测试题,可供学生考前强化训练使用。

本书语言规范,内容丰富,实用性和针对性强,是知识与技能的融合。本书可作为大学本(专)科生大学四、六级考试和提高英语写作技能的教材,也可供广大英语学习者自学或备考之用。

本书编写分工具体如下:鸡西大学孙秀芝编写了第四、第六、第七章(共14.7万字);鸡西大学刘力鸥编写了第一、第五章(共7万字);东北农业大学何大军编写了第二、第三章(共9.8万字)。全书由孙秀芝统稿,黄其辉主审。

限于编者水平,加之时间仓促,书中难免会出现问题与纰漏,恳请同仁批评指正。

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第一章 概述:CET 作文概况

一、《大纲》要求

《大学英语教学大纲》规定了一到六级关于写作能力培养的要求:一、二级着重培养组词成句的能力;三级着重培养联句成段的能力;四级着重培养按规定的题目和提示写短文的能力;五、六级着重培养写书信、文章大意、文章摘要等有关应用文的能力。一到六级是一个从句子水平上的表现能力逐步提高到语篇水平上的写作能力的培养过程。一到四级为基本要求阶段,五到六级为较高要求阶段。

《大学英语四级考试大纲》要求考生在 30 分钟时间内写出一篇 100~120 词的短文。试卷上可能给出题目,或规定情景,或要求看图作文,或给出段首句要求续写,或给关键词要求写成短文。要求能够正确表达思想,意思连贯,无重大语法错误。

《大学英语六级考试大纲》要求考生在 30 分钟时间内写出一篇不少于 120 词的短文。其作文形式有以下几种:看图作文;根据所给(英语或汉语)写出英语摘要或大意;给出关键词(英语或汉语)写出英语短文。要求内容切题,文理通顺,表达清楚;基本上无语法错误,句型结构有一定变化;语意连贯,过渡合理。

短文写作部分的目的在于测试考生用英语书面表达思想的能力。四级测试的是初步表达能力,六级测试的是一般表达能力。四级的写作内容为日常生活的一般常识,六级则为科技、社会、文化等方面的一般常识。

二、命题类型

目前,大学考试中作文命题的主要类型可以概括如下几种:

1. 英语提示

Television

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition about TELEVISION in three paragraphs. You are given the first sentence of each paragraph. Your part of the composition should be no less than 120 words. Remember to write clearly.

Television

- Television presents a vivid world in front of us.
- Television can also play an educational role in our daily life.
- 3 However, television can also be harmful.

2. 汉语提示

Is Dancing a Bad Thing?

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition based on the following outline (in Chinese).

- ①跳舞现在很流行。
- ②人们对跳舞有不同的态度。
- ③我对跳舞的态度。

Your composition should be no less than 100 words. Remember to write it in readable handwriting.

3. 看图表

Changes in Average Family Expenses in City A

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition of no less than 100 words based on the following table. Write three paragraphs to:

- (1) state the changes briefly;
- (2) give possible reasons for the changes;
- (3) predict the trend of changes.

Average Family Expenses in City A

Year Expenses	1984	1990
Housing	5%	4 %
Food & Drink	25 %	30 %
Clothing	18%	22%
Fuel	8%	10%
Entertainment	7 %	7%
Saving	5 %	10%
Others	32 %	17%

You should quote as few figures as possible and write your composition on the Composition Sheet in readable handwriting.

Changes in Average Family Expenses in City A

4. 看曲线图

Film Is Giving Way to TV

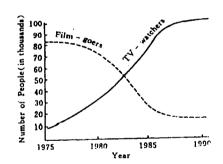
Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition based on the following graph which shows the change in the number of film – goers and TV – watchers in a certain city. The title of the composition is: Film Is Giving Way to TV. You

should write no less than 120 words for your composition and it must include the following ideas (given in Chinese).

- (1)电影观众越来越少
- (2)电视观众越来越多,因为……
- (3)然而,还是有人看电影,因为……

Quote as few figures as possible. Remember to write your composition in readable handwriting.

Film Is Giving Way to TV



三、评分标准

1. 总体评分方法(Global Marking)

阅卷人员就总的印象给出分数。这种方法是从内容和语言两个方面对作文进行综合评判。根据是:内容和语言是一个统一体。作文应表达题目报道规定的内容,而内容要通过语言来表达。要考虑

作文是否切题,是否充分表达思想,也要考虑是否用英语清楚而适切 地表达思想,也就是要考虑语言上的错误是否造成理解上的障碍。 具体评分办法如下:

- (1)本题满分为15分。
- (2)阅卷标准共分五等:2 分、5 分、8 分、11 分及 14 分。各有标准样卷 1~2 份。
- (3)阅卷人员根据阅卷标准,对照样卷评分。若认为与某一分数(如8分)相似,即定为该分数(即8分);若认为稍优或稍劣于该分数,则可加1分(即9分)或减1分(即7分)。但不得加或减半分。
 - (4)具体评分标准
 - 0分——白卷。文不对题,只有几个孤立的词没有表达思想。
 - 2分——条理不清,思路混乱。语言支离破碎或大部分句子均有错误,且多数为严重错误。
 - 5分——基本切题。表达思想不清楚,连贯性差。有较多的严重语言错误。
 - 8分——基本切题。有些地方表达不够清楚,文字免强连贯。 语言错误较多,其中有一些是严重错误。
 - 11分——切题。表达思想清楚,文字连贯,但有少量语言错误。
 - 14分——切题。表达思想清楚,文理通顺,连贯性较好。基本 上无语言错误,仅有个别小错误。

(注:非常优秀亦可评 15 分)

- (1)白卷、作文与题目毫不相关或只有几个孤立的词而无法表达 思想,则给0分。
 - (2)字数不足应酌情扣分。

用儿会粉			80~89				<49
系订子数	CET6	110~119	100~109	90~99	80~89	70~79	< 69
扣 分		1	2	3	5	7	9

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(3)如题目中给出主题句、起始句、结束句,均不得计入所写字数。只写一段者:0~4分;只写两段者:0~9分(指规定三段的作文)。现将各档作文分相当于百分制的得分,列表如下,称为得分率。其中9分的得分率为60(相当于百分制的60分)。

作文分	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
得分率	100	94	87	80	74	67	60	54	47	40	34	27	20	14	7

现在具体分析一下上述 CET 作文的评分标准,供参考。 先以四级作文题为例:

例 1

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition of no less than 120 words on Changes in People's Diet. Study the following table carefully and your composition must be based on the information given in the table. Write three paragraphs to:

- (1) state the changes in people's diet in the past five years;
- (2) give possible reasons for the changes;
- (3) draw your own conclusion.

You should quote as few figures as possible.

Year Food	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Grain	49 %	47%	46.5%	45%	45%
Milk	10 %	11%	11%	12%	13%
Meat	17%	20%	22.5%	23 %	21%
Fruit & Vegetables	24 %	22%	20%	20 %	21 %
Total	100 %	100 %	100%	100%	100%

Changes in People's Diet

关于切题的说明:本题要求考生对饮食结构的变化情况做出说明。不写出变化原因,不做出结论者应扣分。至于变化原因可以各抒己见,只要言之有理即可。此外,认为变化大或认为变化不大都可以,但必须说明相应的原因。不要求考生过多引用数据(如 14 分及11 分样卷中数据都很少,但都是较好的答案),对各种饮食升降情况(如肉类先升后降,蔬菜类先降后升等)不一定要求说得很仔细。下面是 5 篇例文:

14分——本文切题,表达思想清楚,文字通顺,连贯性较好。基本上无误言错误,有几句文字运用较好。

In the past five years, there have been changes in people's diet. Grain, as the main food of most Chinese, is now playing a less important role in people's diet, while the proporation of some high – energy food, such as milk, meat has increased.

What caused these changes? I think there are two reasons. First, people now have more money. The price of meat and milk is much higher than that of grain. In the old days, people couldn't afford them. Now they have enough money to buy meat and milk. Second, people of nowadays pay more attention to the structure of their diet. They are seeking the most reasonable diet structure which will do good to their health.

In short, there have been changes in people's diet in the past five years and there will be changes in the future, too.

11分——本文切题。表达思想清楚,文字连贯,但有一些语言

错误。

Diet is very important in people's lives. Sufficient food is the basis of human activity. In the past five years, people's diet has changed more or less. We can draw some conclusions according to the statistics.

From the figures, we can see easily that, the proportion of grain, fruit and vegetables has declined a little, while that of milk, meat has rised. We can conclude that nowdays, people pay attention to not only the quantity but also the quality of the food. Milk and meat are very imporatant to people's health. With the development of the life level, people now can afford to buy more milk and meat than before, for milk and meat is more expensive than other food. Consequently, the proportion of grain, fruit and vegetables decline.

But we also can find, that the structure of diet has changed little in the past five years. The grain always acted as the main food, and milk, meat still took up the poor proportion. So people's diet still depends on the grain. So what we should do is rapidly develop the national economy so as to provide more milk and meat for the people.

8分——基本切题。有些地方表达不够清楚,文字勉强连贯。 语言错误相当多,其中一些是严重错误。

In the past five years people's diet had changed quite a lot. The grain was no longer the main food of people's diet. It decreased from 49% to 45%. And the possition of the fruit and vegetables was declined, either. But, however, the necessary of milk and meat was increased with no doubt. Such case owned to two reasons.

On the one hand, the level of people's lives had greatly advanced. More and more people could afford the expensive food. On the other hand, modern science had been developed with high speed. Then people began to be aware of choosing more useful food.

With the developing of the society, people's diet will change more greatly.

5分——基本切题。表达思想不清楚,连贯性差,有较多严重语言错误。

In the past five years, people's diet was changed. Grain, the main part of diet, was less needed from 49 percent to 45 percent of people's lives. Fruit and vegetables are less needed by people.

One can't eat grain all day. As life changes and one's body needs, milk and meat certainly take more and misses refuse to take meat. So in the last year, meat is less needed, fruit and vegetables are more needed by people perhaps by that reason.

In the past five years, we could see that people's live are have become better just from their diet changes.

2分——条理不清,思路混乱。语言支离破碎,绝大部分有错, 且多数为严重错误。

Diet is very important in people's life. In past five, there is a big change in all kinds of food. For example, Grain, In 1986 it takes 49 percent in Diet in after four years, It discrease 4 percent in diet; Milk increase 3 percent in last five years. It grows to 13 percent in Diet; Meat In 1986 – 1989, it kept to grow up. And in 1990, It down 2 percent; Fruit and vegetables is discrease in last five years.

Why it will have these changes. It is two sido, the first is people began to see that Milk, Meat, Fruit and Vegetables are very importance in people's bodies, the other is people's life is quite good. They have enough money to buy Meat, Milk, etc. They know how to build them bodies.

In last five years. Big changes in People's Diet. It cass us more and more people know. Share them Diet and build them bodies.

- 例 2 Is a Test of Spoken English Necessary?
- (1)很多人认为有必要举行英语口语考试,理由是……
- (2)也有人持不同意见……
- (3)我的看法和打算……
- 14分——切题。表达思想清楚,文字通顺,连贯性较好。基本 上无语言错误,仅有个别小错。

A test of spoken English will be included as an optional component of the College English Test(CET). Many people believe a test of spoken English is necessary because spoken English is an important part of the language. Only when one speaks fluent English can one say he has really mastered the language. So a test ought to be devised to assess one's ability in spoken English.

However, some people think that test of written English is enough and a test of spoken English is not necessary. They hold that one's ability in English can be shown in a test of written English and a test of spoken English will add to the burden of the students.

I believe it is of great importance for every foreign—language—to speak the language with fluency. A test of spoken English will stimulates students to improve their oral English. So such a test is necessary. And I intend to take it if possible.

11分——切题。表达思想清楚,文字连贯,但有少量语言错误。

A test of spoken English will be included as an optional component of the College English Test (CET). Is it necessary? Many people think so because spoken English is widely used in everyday life. If a person who is good at written English can't speak it, how can he com-

municate with others?

Some people think spoken English is less important than written English because they think most science books are written in English. One can't understand the content if he can only speak English. And furthermore, the test of spoken English is not so fair. A teacher can give the scores according to his own like.

Anyway, I think it is necessary. A test of spoken English can encourage us spend more time speaking English in the spare time. It also contribute to our written English learning. I will try my best to study spoken English hard and practise it as often as possible. I think where there is a will, there is a way.

8分——基本切题。有些地方表达思想不够清楚,文字勉强连 贯。语言错误相当多,其中有一些是严重错误。

A test of spoken English will be included as an optional component of the College English Test(CET). Many people think that a test of spoken English is necessary. They have two reasons. The first, we have made a tigh ties will many other countries. That needs not only read and write but also speak. Second, If English is not spoken, that is not true English.

But some other people against it. They say spoken English is important, but including it as an optional component of the College English Test is too early.

I agree with the first opinion. I know the importance of spoken English. We study English in order to make easy communication to foreigners. But how to do it if we don't practise spoken English? As a college student, I must study hard in 4 years. English is one of my major lessons. I will speak more in order to improve my spoken English.